

1) LOOK AT THE PHOTOS AND ANSWER.

5 Water

A drought

B arid

C irrigate

D rainfall

water cycle

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DROUGHT CONTINUES

SAN FERNANDO — The Central Valley's current drought is the worst in 50 years. It started five years ago. Average rainfall in the valley is down 35%. Less rainfall in the mountains also limits the water cycle in this already arid region as well.

Many rain-fed crops are dying. Recently, many farmers dug ditches to irrigate them. They used extra groundwater from their wells, too. Many experts say that will create water shortages in the future.

Expect higher prices for many fruits and vegetables this summer. Peaches and nectarines are an exception. Local farmers are growing drought-resistant varieties of those crops.

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1) LOOK AT THE PHOTOS AND SAY WHAT HAPPENS IN EACH ONE. Observa las foto y conta que ocurre en cada una en castellano

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____

2) WHAT KIND OF TEXT IS IT? YES/NO

- a) an e-mail
- c) a newspaper or magazine

3) WHAT DO THESE WORDS MEAN IN SPANISH?

- a) Drought _____
- b) Rainfall _____
- c) Irrigate _____
- d) arid: _____
- e) water cycle _____

4) FIND THESE WORDS IN THE TRANSLATOR OR DICTIONARY

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| a) Current: | 1- peor |
| b) Worst | 2- escasez |
| c) Average | 3 corriente |
| d) Valley | 4 agua subterranea |
| e) Less | 5 en promedio |
| f) Rain-fed | 6 alto |
| g) Crop | 7 resistente a la sequia |
| h) Farmer | 8 precio |
| i) Dug | 9 pozo |
| j) Ditch | 10 valle |
| k) Groundwater | 11 granjero |
| l) Well | 12 que se alimenta de lluvia |
| m) Shortage: | 13 zanja, canaleta |
| n) High: | 14 cultivo |
| o) Price | 15 menos |
| o) drought-resistant | 16 cavar |

5) TRUE/FALSE

- a) It is raining less nowadays
- b) The average rainfall is up 35%
- c) Less rainfall in the mountains affect the water cycle
- d) Farmer are worried and using extra water.
- e) Fruit and vegetables will cost more this summer
- f) Farmers are cultivating new drought resistant